



# FMS PARENT MEETING

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Farragut Middle School  
PTSA Parent Meeting  
Title 1 - Parent Engagement  
May 4, 2021, 6:30 PM

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## MINUTES

### I. PTSA Announcements

- PTSA Community Cookbook (purchase [here](#))
- May 5, 7:30 PM Rivertown Parents Event - Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz Presentation on Archaeology of Self (register [here](#))
- Tonight May 4th - KNOW - 7-8:30p - Event on Teens and Reducing Their Stress (info [here](#)).
- BOE Candidates Forum - Co-Hosted by League of Women Voters and PTSA/SEPTA, May 6, 7 PM (register [here](#))
- Superintendent's Chat Hosted by PTSA/SEPTA, May 12, 4:30 PM
- PTSA Used Book Fair & Booster Club Sports Pop-Up, May 15 (May 16 rain date) (register [here](#))

### II. SEPTA Announcements -

- Next Community Conversation Tues 5/11 6:30p. Send questions to [hastings.septa@gmail.com](mailto:hastings.septa@gmail.com).
- SEPTA funds two scholarships - one for a child who has a 504, IEP or learning difference. Another for someone who has been impacted in a positive way by their work with or connection to a child who learns differently. Typically funded by trivia night, which was not held this year due to COVID. In the next few weeks, there will be a flash fundraiser just for scholarships. Last year \$3k apiece, would love to be able to match that this year. Application period closed for scholarships (through HHS).

### III. Administrative Announcements

- Title 1 Engagement - Melissa Szymanski - Ms. Szymanski gave an overview of Title 1 funding. Under Title I, schools hold an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I participation and explain the program requirements. The district supports the informed participation of parents in student education through a variety of means, including PTSA liaison meetings, parent meetings, and communication with parents. Title 1 parent and family engagement guidance supports avenues where home and school can collaborate, through a collaborative process with a variety of stakeholders, and a focus on equity and access for all students. Ms. Szymanski reviewed some of the ways the District is involved in Title 1 efforts. One important update is that the District is currently adding curriculum synopses to the District website at all grade levels, which will be publicly available in the near future.
- Math Curriculum Thought Group - Melissa Szymanski - Ms. Szymanski gave an overview and update on the K-12 mathematics committee and the work being done that is specific to FMS. There is a full presentation on this material [here](#) that was given to the BOE on 2/22/21. Mathematical resources are being identified for middle school mathematics. The progression and acceleration process at FMS will also be evaluated as part of this work.
- Virtual Math Information Evening hosted by Department Chair, Greg Stephens on Thursday May 13, at 6:00pm - talking about standards, curriculum, how it links to HHS and progression/acceleration. If interested in the process - important to attend. [Info here](#)
- 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, June 17 6PM (rain date June 18) - will be done differently this year to make it special for the 8th graders. Ceremony will be outside on Reynolds field. There will be a procession of students from the recess yard down the pathway, around the track, and finally gathering on bleachers. A communication was sent to 8th grade families with specifics re: COVID safety guidelines. Families may view from outside the roped off area. Diplomas will be handed out. There will be a photographer funded by PTSA - photos will be uploaded for families to access. Exploring streaming Recognition Night for families who cannot attend - if not possible it will be recorded.
- Year End Events - Multiple year-end events are being planned:
  - Grecian festival for 6th grade.
  - Multicultural book fair June 2-5 - everyone welcome. Outside in the courtyard area.
  - Career day for 8th graders, June 16th.
  - Walk in my Shoes event for 6th grade
  - Ice cream social for 8th graders.

- 5th grade and 7th grades EOY events - being planned, more info to come.
- Transition Meetings (Grade 4 to 5, May 20 and Grade 5-6, June 3) [Links to 4th to 5th grade transition meetings here](#)
  
- Traffic Safety at Pick-Up and Dismissal - Congested during dropoff and pickup - please adhere to designated safe zones. Consider alternate dropoff spots at top of Olinda and Burke parking lot heading south on Farragut. HILLSIDE AVE. IS NOT A DROPOFF/PICKUP ZONE and creates unsafe conditions for walkers. Please have kids walk if possible. [Additional info here](#)
  
- BUDGET VOTE 5/18 - Please vote! If you're unable to do so in person, please find the [Absentee Ballot Application here](#)